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◆ SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS

Health care forum highlights issues

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – A forum on attracting and keeping medical professionals in Humboldt County featured a panel whose members framed local health care woes in the context of greater systemic failure.

The nation’s approach to health care figured prominently in a Jan. 27 forum organized and hosted by Fourth District County Supervisor Natalie Arroyo.



Doug Shaw

Audience attendance was on an RSVP basis but the forum was live-streamed. It offered perspectives on the status of county health care from eight hospital and medical facility managers.

Posing questions from audience members, Arroyo asked the panelists what “the points of pain” are in providing local health care.

A systemic malaise was described.

Noting the struggles of patients, County Health Officer Dr. Candy Stockton, the county’s health officer, said frustration is “so understandable because as a person receiving healthcare, it sucks sometimes to be stuck within the system that we’re in.”

Drawing applause, she said there are

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TRAIL RENEWAL

VTS HITS THE TRAILS The first Volunteer Trail Stewards forest workday of 2025 brought about 45 folks to the Humboldt Bay Trail North and some Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary trails. The 20 regulars, bolstered by the wonderful Cal Poly Humboldt Natural Resources Club, worked on eradicating invasive plants, picked up trash, plus mowing and weed eating. IMAGES VIA REES HUGHES AND PENNY DELLAPELLE | VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDS



UP IN FLAMES A fire destroyed a longtime encampment at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary the night of Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 28/29. Arcata Fire extinguished the blaze, then returned Tuesday morning to tamp down any hotspots. The camp, seen at left as it was last October, was located on the North side of East and West ponds, west of the bike path, had been in place since at least 2020 but was left a ruin, middle and right. The City of Arcata has been working with John Shelter’s New Directions group to move campers out with some success, said Emily Sinkhorn, Environmental Services director, though it is a lengthy and long-term process.

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Humboldt federal funding suddenly uncertain under new administration

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HUMBOLDT – This year’s Humboldt County Board of Supervisors legislative lobbying strategy is in the shadow of President Trump, with anxiety and uncertainty over federal funding.

Supervisors took up the county’s annual legislative platform at their Jan. 28 meeting.

The platform gives the county’s lob-



Mike Wilson

bying firms guidelines on the board’s state and federal legislative advocacy priorities.

Funding for infrastructure, community development and environmental programs figure prominently and this year there’s a historic twist – Trump’s return to the White

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As new federal policy targets DEI, Humboldt reaffirms commitment

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H U M - BOLDT – With a change in national leadership, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is a target of new policies and presidential executive orders but Humboldt County is affirming commitment to its DEI program.

The benefits of the county’s DEI program were described to the



Dr. Jeremy Michael Clark

Board of Supervisors at its Jan. 28 meeting.

The county launched what it calls “The Great Workplace Culture Change Initiative” in the summer of 2020. Since then, the program has expanded to include for-

mation of staff “affinity groups” and drafting of a DEI “strategic plan.”

Dr. Isaac Carter, the consultant hired to assess the effectiveness of the county’s program, said the county’s DEI program has improved “in terms of policy awareness and accountability improvements” and “on how people feel about the support they’re receiving.”

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CSU to joining Cal AG’s funding suit

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – On Monday, Jan. 27, the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB), referencing a number of President Trump’s recent Executive Orders, directed an immediate pause on fed-

eral grants, aid and other forms of assistance, pending a review by the federal agencies issuing such aid.

News of these potentially sweeping changes is causing considerable anxiety and confusion, and rightly so, for Cal Poly Humboldt’s campus

community members, especially our students – a significant number of

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CCCU grants now open

CCCU HUMBOLDT – Coast Central Credit Union (CCCU) announced that the spring 2025 round of its Community Investment Grant Program is now open.

A total of \$150,000 is available to support local not-for-profit organizations located in Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity counties. Grant amounts generally range from \$3,000 to a maximum of \$25,000, and there are usually 15 to 20 recipients. The giving program was created in 2008, and since then has awarded a total of over \$2.5 million to more than 200 organizations throughout its tri-county service area.

Applications must be received by 5 pm on Friday, Feb. 28, via email at marketing@coastccu.org. Applications may

also be submitted by mail to Coast Central Credit Union Marketing Department, 2650 Harrison Ave., Eureka, CA 95501. Interested organizations are encouraged to first review eligibility guidelines for their projects and access the application at coastccu.org/community/community-investment/.

For questions, contact VP Marketing & Communications Colleen Toste at ctoste@coastccu.org or (707) 445-8801 x 1309. All applicants will be notified of the Board of Director's decisions in mid-April.

"I am extremely proud of our community investment program, now in its 18th year," stated Fred Moore, president & CEO. "By banking with Coast Central, our members are making a tremendous impact on the local non-profits who work tirelessly to improve the quality of life for youth, veterans, homeless, seniors, emergency responders and others throughout our three counties."

Coast Central's giving programs total \$650,000 annually. In addition to its grant program, the organization also supports its communities through sponsorships and college scholarships to local high school seniors, and more information is available at coastccu.org.

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Saturday, Feb. 1	00.95	27.95	26.09	22.17

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by Margie E. Burke

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ACROSS

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21 Walkman insert

23 Midterm, e.g.

25 Babel, for one

26 Window-opening rope

30 Blossom bits

33 Mouse, to an owl

34 Castle defense

36 Knotted neck-wear

37 NYC rep. in "The Squad"

38 Successful show

40 Bunion's place

41 Mirrors' partner

43 Croquet area

44 Got to one's feet

45 Kind of space flight

47 Type of light

49 Audition tapes

51 Mentioned

52 Brought in

55 SWAT specialist

59 Ballet move

60 Like innovative art

62 Animal rights org.

63 "Walk Away ____" (1966 hit)

64 Robe for Caesar

65 Kind of dog

66 Closed, as curtains

67 Fancy pitcher

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1 Tooth trouble

3 Nero's 49

3 Wood strip

4 "I feel your pain" feeling

5 Humdrum

6 SFO posting

7 Aussie rockers

8 Deal from the bottom

9 Mint-family herb

10 Bourbon and Beale

11 Math student's purchase

12 Wild time

13 Oxen linkage

18 Smart-__

22 Worry beads?

24 Online menace

26 Muscle twitch

27 Coffeehouse draw

28 Inferior

29 __ Lama

31 Relaxed

32 Mighty mount

35 Criers' places

38 Has the earmarks of

39 Disconnect

42 Skateboarder's accessory

44 Give off, as heat

46 Aged one

48 One year in a trunk

50 Make the cut?

52 View in northern Italy

53 Projector load

54 Comedian Carvey

56 Ship's forward facer

57 Periphery

58 Caboose's spot

61 Without precedent



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STEM students: apply for PG&E college scholarships

PG&E CORPORATION FOUNDATION NORTH COAST — The PG&E Corporation Foundation (PG&E Foundation) is inviting applicants for its annual Better Together STEM Scholarship Program for students pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines.

The PG&E Foundation will provide \$350,000 in total funding for 60 scholarships in the amounts of \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500 awards for eligible students.

Better Together STEM Scholarships are designed to give the next generation of Californians an opportunity to learn and succeed in higher education and support students who have made an impact in their community or who have overcome personal challenges.

The Better Together STEM Scholarship program has evolved over the years to help lessen the financial burden of attending college for more students and their families.

In 2023, The PG&E Foundation added a new \$5,000 scholarship that expanded the program to 20 additional students — up from 40 to 60 student recipients. In 2022, responding to a trend in applications from students admitted to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), eligibility expanded to students planning to attend HBCUs anywhere in the United States, in addition to California colleges and universities.

Deadline and criteria

Interested applicants can learn more and apply at pge.com/en/about/educational-resources/grants-and-scholarships. Deadline to apply is March 14, 2025. Scholarships will be awarded by August.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, demonstrated participation and leadership in school and community activities, and financial need.

Students must pursue qualifying degrees in STEM disciplines including engineering, computer science/information systems, cybersecurity, environmental sciences, math and physics.

Applications are open to:

- High school seniors or graduates
- Students who have received a GED certification
- Current undergraduate students
- Non-traditional students or military veterans returning to school or pursuing their first undergraduate degree
- Applicants must live or be a dependent of a resident in PG&E's service area in Northern and Central California; plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study for the entire 2025-2026 academic year; and be seeking their first undergraduate degree at an accredited four-year institution in California or HBCU.

Potter Valley Project docs now available for viewing

PG&E CORPORATION

On Jan. 31, PG&E made available its Final Draft Surrender Application and Decommissioning Plan for the Potter Valley Project (password: PV_Surrender).

The Potter Valley Project hydroelectric facility in Mendocino and Lake counties has a long history of generating power and diverting water from the main stem of the Eel River to the Russian River watershed, which has benefited agriculture and communities in southern Mendocino, Sonoma and northern Marin counties.

The project consists of the Potter Valley powerhouse built in 1908, Cape Horn Dam and Van Arsdale Reservoir, a fish passage and salmon and steelhead counting station at the Cape Horn Dam, a tunnel and penstock, Scott Dam built in 1922 and Pillsbury Reservoir. All portions of the Project were built more than 100 years ago.

While salmon and steelhead are able to use a fish ladder to get around the Cape Horn Dam at Potter Valley, the anadromous fish are unable to get past the Scott Dam.

As it continued to age, the Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project became uneconomic for PG&E's electric customers to maintain. In 2019, PG&E decided to not relicense the project. However, understanding that many communities rely upon the facility's water diversions, the company devoted years working with various entities on a potential transfer.

Ultimately, no third-party filed an application to license the project, which led the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to direct PG&E to prepare its surrender application and decommissioning plan.

The Potter Valley Project has a long history and has

importance to agriculture, tribes, communities and the environment. PG&E is committed to a transparent process that is respectful to the many interested parties.

As PG&E moves forward with plans to decommission and eventually remove Cape Horn and Scott Dams, PG&E continues to work with several entities that can provide a path forward for a new water diversion facility, including the Sonoma County Water Agency, Inland Water & Power Commission of Mendocino County, the Round Valley Tribes, Humboldt County, Cal Trout; Trout Unlimited and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Also included in the final draft surrender application is a request of "Non-Project Use of Project Lands," which would allow the Eel-Russian Project Authority to build a new water diversion facility that utilizes some existing PG&E facilities.

PG&E is not responsible for either the construction or the operation of this new facility, nor will its construction delay the decommissioning of the project.

On Thursday, Feb. 6 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., PG&E will host an online meeting to share information on the final draft, discuss the regulatory process and note opportunities to participate. The meeting is meant for resource agencies, tribes, non-government organizations and the general public. A link to the meeting will be provided by PG&E soon.

Public comments on the final draft must be in writing and are due to PG&E by Monday, March 3. PG&E will review comments received and expects to file its final surrender application and decommissioning plan with FERC in July 2025.



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11th Annual Authors Celebration at Cal Poly Library Fishbowl

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
CAL POLY CAMPUS — The Cal Poly Humboldt Library & Office of the Provost invites faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community to join us in celebrating creativity, scholarship and research at the 11th Annual Authors Celebration on Friday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. at the Authors Hall on the second floor of the Library, just outside of the Library Fishbowl.

This event is a unique opportunity to honor the diverse and inspiring works created by members of the Cal Poly Humboldt community.

The Authors Celebration is a cherished tradition, reflecting Cal Poly Humboldt's commitment to intellectual growth and innovation. Guests will enjoy an engaging program featuring guest speakers, acknowledgments of recent publications, trivia and prizes, delicious cakes and beverages and an open mic session to share and celebrate together.

CONVERSATION ON ALTRUISM The Altruistic Behavior Institute's 2024-25 Conversation on Altruism with Nezzie Wade takes place Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the CalPoly Humboldt Native Forum. Held on campus at Cal Poly Humboldt, the multidisciplinary dialogues honor the work of Sam and Pearl Oliner and raise awareness about the Oliner Altruism Research Archive. Sam and Pearl Oliner founded the Altruistic Behavior Institute in 1982 to seek out ways to enhance altruism and prosocial behavior in society. Please join Professors Maral Attallah and Ronnie Swartz for a Conversation on Altruism with Nezzie Wade. For almost 15 years, Nezzie worked at Cal Poly Humboldt in the Learning Center and Educational Opportunity Program. Nezzie is co-founder and President of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA), the leading local non-governmental organization assisting in implementing a variety of affordable housing solutions for people dealing with homelessness in Humboldt County.

Misses is 6, settled, sweet and easygoing

A friend just gave me a mug that says "In a perfect world, every home would have a dog, and every dog would have a home." I am the first to agree that not every home needs a dog, but I do wish every dog had a home. That would be a goal of writing this column and of all the many hours put in by shelter and rescue volunteers.

I often mull over what might be the barriers to placing our dog friends and how can we get past those. The shelter has had some great adoptions recently, including some of our longest residents

The shelter has also seen a higher than usual number of dogs being returned lately. Almost all have been young dogs and the reasons for return have consistently included some variation of "the dog was too energetic." It's hard when someone loses their dog of many years, their beloved dog who they understood completely. It's easy to forget about the challenges that a beloved dog might have presented as a puppy or a new dog to the home.

I admit to recently saying our puppy was the most difficult pup we had ever had. Chris laughed and asked if I had really forgotten about the first year of one of our "perfect" dogs. When a beloved friend passes away, the last thing an adopter wants is another older dog that might not live a long time. But at the same time, they may not really be prepared to put in the time and energy to train and entertain a young dog.

We have lovely young dogs, and the volunteers put in many hours walking and playing with them, but they do not arrive in their new home as "fully assembled," especially if they are still puppies. There can be housebreaking, leash manners, crate-training, sleep-

ing patterns and lots more to work on.

At the dog training classes I attend, we talk about the dog's bucket, a metaphor for their daily experience. When they meet someone new, that goes in the bucket. That first car ride home goes in the bucket, as does arriving at their new home, meeting new people, walking the new neighborhood, being introduced to their new space and so much more.

Pretty soon, their mental bucket is full, and yet in the enthusiasm of having a new dog, the humans keep dropping more items in – a trip to the beach, meeting the neighbors, going to the dog park. The dog's little brain is full, and like a tired toddler, they start using less than their best behavior.



❖ DOGTOWN
Mara Segal



Misses at the beach.
PHOTOS BY KENDALL ROBERTS | DOGTOWN

We try our best to encourage new adopters to take their new dog home and just relax there for a few days, getting to know each other, before slowly introducing new things to the dog. The results will be much happier.

Here's one of our older girls, who has been proven to be an easy guest in the home. Misses is a sweet girl that has been one of our easier dogs to walk

Misses lounging.



for the newer volunteers.

On a recent sleepover with one of our volunteers, we received the following report: "I had the best time having Misses over for a sleepover. We went to the beach and she had a great time! She had wonderful car manners as well and at home settled right into the flow of the house and made herself cozy on the couch. I was especially impressed with her mealtime manners, going to her bed while I ate. She's completely house-broken and did very well sleeping in her kennel all night."

Misses is about six years old, weighs 60 pounds. She is currently waiting for a foster home where she could go through her treatment for heartworm.

The right home would have a space where Misses could stay pretty quiet with short potty walks for about six weeks after her treatment. She could enjoy all the pets and cuddles during that time!

If you are interested in fostering or would like more information, please contact the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at (707) 840-9132.

OBITUARY

William Marshall Kier Oct. 5, 1935 – Nov. 14, 2024

Bill Kier died Nov. 14, 2024 in San Rafael, California, at the age of 89. Born in Berkeley to Clarence and Mary Dean Kier, he spent his early years on his family's ranch east of Walnut Creek.

As a young boy, he loved to roam the Mt. Diablo foothills and fish in the creek. These early experiences fostered his love of the outdoors and would inspire his life's work.

The Kiers moved to Orangetown in eastern Sacramento County in 1946. Bill graduated from San Juan High School in 1953. In 1957, Bill married college classmate Helen Douarin. Bill and Helen graduated from Sacramento State, and had three children in the next five years.

Bill began work for the California Department of Fish and Game as a district biologist, then in 1964 became Fish and Game's water projects coordinator.

In 1967, Bill left Fish & Game to serve as a consultant to the California State Senate's Natural Resources Committee. Three years later, he joined the State Senate Office of Research and Policy Development. He became the office's director and held that position for the next nine years. In 1983, his sixteen years of state service came to a close.

After a short stint as innkeepers of Strawberry Lodge, Bill and Helen moved to Mill Valley so Bill could help an old friend with an environmental non-profit, The Bay Institute.

This led to requests for help with a number of other environmental challenges and the launch of his consulting firm, Kier Associates, Fisheries and Watershed Professionals.

In 2006, Bill and Helen moved to Blue Lake, to be closer to the youngest grandkids. Both Helen and Bill's forebears had lived in Humboldt; Helen's people helped establish Blue Lake and Bill's people were builders in the early 1900s. Bill loved being involved in and supporting the community of Blue Lake in any way he could. He was sad to leave in 2013, this time to San Rafael, where Bill remained at the helm of his company until his death.

Bill was predeceased by his sweet wife Helen. He is survived



by his kids, Rob, Kathryn and Mary Claire and five grandkids, Thaddeus, Will, Emilie, Zeke and Kieran.

Bill was greatly heartened in his last days by the return of salmon to their historic spawning grounds in the Klamath River basin.

A family gathering is anticipated; any other memorial has yet to be planned. For a tribute to Bill go to www.c-win.org/cwin-water-blog/2024/12/2/farewell-bill-kier

In lieu of flowers simply keep up the good fight for salmon and water.

OBITUARY

Connie L. (Bartlett) Parker March 16, 1938 – Jan. 10, 2025

We are sad to share that our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and wonderful friend has passed away after an adventurous and full life. Connie Parker of Eureka, California, was 86 years old, and she left us on Jan. 10, 2025.

Connie was born March 16, 1938, in the family home on Crane Creek Road outside Potlatch, Idaho, to Alvin W. and Lilly A. (Johnsen) Bartlett. She was the eldest of the three Bartlett children.

Her birth was followed by the birth of her sister, Louise, and the birth of the youngest Bartlett child, William (Billy). Billy was the only child who was not born in the home because by the time he arrived, there was a hospital available in town.

Connie grew up on the farm on Crane Creek Road before plumbing was available in the home, and in the era of "party line" phones. The home had a hand-operated water pump at the kitchen sink, but otherwise, the outhouse was down the trail.

Modern indoor plumbing was not added to the home until Connie's high school years. The party line phone could be picked up by anyone along Crane Creek Road, and if someone was nosy, they could just listen in on the call from a neighbor... no need for social media to keep up on the neighbors in those days! It was many years later before party lines were no longer the norm. Connie adored her parents, her siblings,

the farm she grew up on and the town of Potlatch, and in her later years she yearned to move back home.

Connie attended Potlatch High School, graduating in 1956. In her high school years, she was known as an accomplished musician and singer. Her beautiful singing even brought appreciation from her otherwise reserved father, who once gushed that she "squawks real good." Her singing was also appreciated by the community, and she sang at local weddings.

Connie had three great loves during her life. After high school, she left Potlatch for a job with the federal government in Washington, D.C. While working in D.C., she met her first love, Air Force man Jerry Pavak. Like Connie, Jerry was a talented musician. They married, and daughter Chadine was born in New Jersey. Jerry was still in the Air Force, and the family was transferred to Elmendorf Air Force base in Anchorage, Alaska, where daughter Shannon was born. Connie remembered the long bright Arctic nights trying to get the girls to sleep even though it was sunny outside.

After the Air Force, the family settled in Southern California, where Connie raised her girls without Jerry. While living in Southern California, Connie took a job with the U.S. Forest Service in Glendora. There she met her second great love, Chuck Hartley, who also worked for the Forest Service. They married and shared many wonderful years together,



raising the kids and cultivating friendships with others working at the Forest Service. Although the marriage eventually ended, Connie and Chuck remained great friends and kept up with each other's lives, their respective children and their careers.

In 1978, Connie requested a transfer to Eureka, California. Her plan was to hopscotch northward, eventually returning to Potlatch.

However, after just a short time living in Eureka, she met and married her final great love, Ray Parker. She quit the Forest Service in order to work with Ray at Parker Electric. Ray and Connie loved to fish together in the ocean on their boat. Ray had a private pilot license and airplane, and they loved flying off on trips together.

When Connie found herself alone again in her later years, she joined the

Elks Lodge in Eureka. She became a dedicated member and volunteered many, many hours serving people in the dining room. There she found lasting friendships and good times to brighten her days.

Connie was greatly loved and cherished by her children and grandchildren. Her home was always open for a wayward child or grandchild, and most of us stayed with her at one point or another. Her home, her love and her humor were always a warm port in the storm that we counted on.


She had a great love for animals and until her final year, there was always a lucky dog or cat who wandered off the street and found a home living with her.

Connie is survived by her daughter Shannon Boyce (Glen Harrison) of Eureka, grandchildren Kelly VanHooebeke (Travis) of Eureka, Jessica Wheeler (Brian) of Wasco, Oregon, Coral Richelderfer (Amy Davis) of Portland, Oregon, and great-grandchildren Sydney VanHooebeke, Aidan Wheeler and Evan Wheeler. She is also survived by her sister, Louise Morbeck, of Pullman, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Chadine Richelderfer, her brother Bill Bartlett, and her parents, Alvin and Lilly Bartlett. Lastly, she is also survived by Glo Negrette, whose assistance in the home made it possible for Connie to be there as much as possible.

A memorial toast to Connie's life will be held at the Eureka Elks Lodge on Feb. 16, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Sequoia Humane Society or to Hospice of Humboldt, which provided such comfort in her final days.

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Zero to Fierce Festival (02F) coming in hot

Have you ever wished that International Women's Day was less of a day and more like a week, or even a week and some change? Well, you're in luck! From Friday, Feb. 28 to Sunday, March 9, Playhouse Arts is putting on their ninth annual Zero to Fierce Festival (02F).

The Zero to Fierce Festival is a celebration of the creative women in our community and beyond. Born of a desire to gather and share the talent and perspective of the women of Humboldt the festival now hosts artists from all over to share their work and processes.

02F has become a hub of ideas and support, as artists from across the country and just across the way join in on the celebration. This year, the festival is packed with critically acclaimed shows that have dazzled at the Edinburgh Fringe in Scotland and Off-Broadway, hailing from L.A., New York, Philly, the Bay Area and more.

Featuring discussions, art installations, film screenings, guided walks, and plays there is so much to choose from. This wide array of options allows patrons to tailor their experience of the festival to their interests and schedule. You can stick to what resonates with you or try something new, you never know what you'll discover!

The festival also includes interactive workshops where you can



BURNING BASKET The large and intricately woven basket created by Installation artist Mavis Muller as part of her traveling Weaving Watersheds series. To conclude the 02F festival on March 9, there will be another basket burning and a community potluck. PHOTO BY SARGON BACCHUS

learn new skills like basket weaving with Mavis Muller and storytelling with Los Angeles based actress and solo show artist TL Forsberg, plus a series of talks where people gather over a warm bowl of soup to share ideas and stories.

The Lunchbox Series provides opportunities to engage with guest speakers and artists. This series presents a different topic each day,

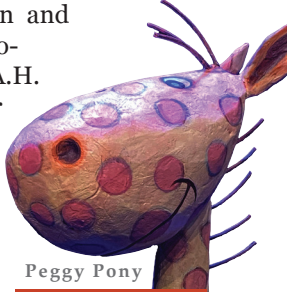
providing insights into the creative process and fostering dialogue around gender representation in the arts.

The festival opens Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. with a Womxn's Art Gallery show titled "Becoming," featuring works in all mediums by women and non-binary people, while W.O.A.H. (Women on Air in Humboldt) gets the dance party started.

Whether you love the arts, want to be inspired, or just enjoy a great performance, the Zero to Fierce Festival is the perfect place to celebrate women's creativity and strength!

Stay tuned for the inside scoop, the Art Across Arcata column is going to be covering event details leading up to the festival dates. We'll be sharing interviews with 02F artists discussing their creative process, background, and their upcoming event at the festival.

In the meantime, you can visit zerotofierce.org to learn more about the 02F events schedule or to reserve tickets.



Peggy Pony

❖ **ALL THINGS ART**
Leo David

'Shrooming for the Super Bowl

Football season is nearly over, which means it's time for the biggest game of them all!

Although I have attended countless Superbowl parties, I always go for the food, not the sport. So here is one of my favorites to make or bring; easy stuffed mushrooms.

These lovely mouth-fulls can be made in advance and then popped in the oven for 15 minutes and they are ready to go. This version is dairy free and thus vegan, but feel free to add

feta or some grated hard cheese like parmesan or pecorino.

Quinoa and Sun-dried Tomato Stuffed Mushrooms
16 large white mushrooms
1/2 cup quinoa, cooked
6 sun-dried tomatoes in oil, diced
5 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon pine nuts
1 tablespoon nutritional yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon parsley plus more for garnishing
Preheat the oven to



❖ **KIRSTEN'S KITCHEN**
Kirsten Lindquist



KIRSTEN LINDQUIST PHOTO

350 degrees. Gently pop the stems out of the mushrooms and set aside.

Peel the mushrooms by inserting your finger into the hole where the stem was and gently pulling the skin off, repeating this for the entire mushroom. Discard skins. Doing this will create a larger opening for the stuffing. Place the mushrooms on a baking sheet lined with

parchment paper and bake for 20 minutes.

Chop the mushroom stems and set aside. In a medium skillet, heat the olive oil and add the garlic and mushroom stems and saute until the garlic just begins to brown. Add diced tomatoes, pine nuts, nutritional yeast, and salt and cook for another 2 minutes.

Add quinoa to the pan and cook for another 2 minutes, tossing it to coat with the mixture. Remove from heat, mix in the parsley, setting some aside for garnishing. Spoon into baked mushroom caps and sprinkle tops with parsley. Bake at 350 for another 10 minutes until piping hot. Serve immediately.

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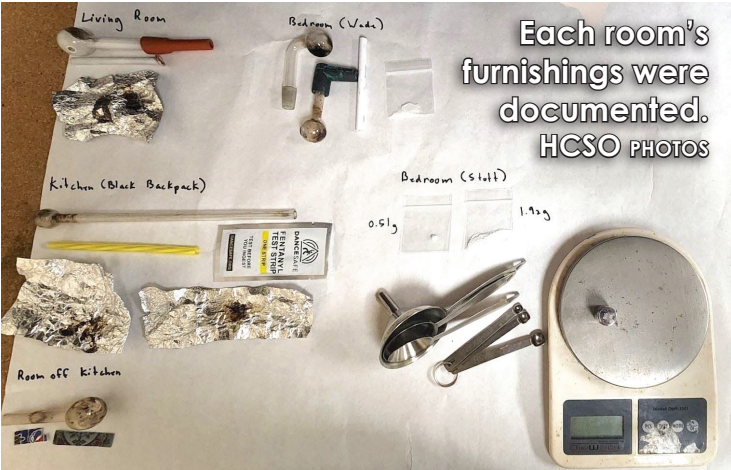
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Murray Road party house affirms many complaints

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MCKINLEYVILLE – The Sheriff's Office has received numerous community member complaints regarding criminal activity relating to a residence on the 1500 block of Murray Road.

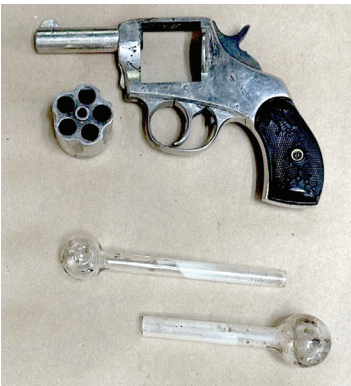
On Saturday, Jan. 25 at about 8:15 a.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies responded to those complaints by executing a search warrant at the problem residence.

Upon deputies' arrival at the location, 14 subjects were detained while the house and vehicles were searched pursuant to the warrant.

A large amount of drug paraphernalia and multiple firearms were found within the bedrooms and living areas of the residence.

Deputies also located an active marijuana cultivation in a garage attached to the residence.

The homeowner, Aaron Stott, age 46, of McKinleyville, was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility (HCCF) for op-



erating or maintaining a drug house and cultivating six-plus plants of marijuana.

One of the property's tenants, Dee Shirley, 71, of McKinleyville, was arrested and booked into HCCF for being a felon in possession of a firearm, possessing a firearm without ID markings and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

The Sheriff's Office appreciates the community's help with identifying this location.

We encourage community members to call and report criminal activity to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

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whom rely on federal funding to pursue their education at Humboldt.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, the California State University submitted a declaration to support the California Attorney General's participation in a federal lawsuit challenging the directive calling for a pause in federal funding.

The lawsuit was filed by a coalition of states, led by the New York Attorney General and joined by California, Illinois, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and other states.

A federal judge in the District of Columbia today issued a ruling temporarily blocking the implementation of the OMB directive. The stay will be in effect until the court holds a further hearing.

In the meantime, federal funding of grants and loans, including Pell grants, federal work study or other funding will continue. State aid, such as CalGrants, is unaffected.

The University is working closely with the CSU Chancellor's Office to understand fully what this new directive means for students at Humboldt and across the state. We will provide updates when more definitive information is available.

Funding | Uncertainties

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House. Even more alarming than expected, his first week in office included a now-rescinded freeze on federal grants and loans.

"In many ways, staff on Capitol Hill at this point are overwhelmed," said a consultant from Paragon Government Relations, the firm carrying out the county's federal legislative advocacy. "Some have even described it to us as 'drinking water out of a fire hose' and I can say the same for us."

He assured that "we're on it and we're keeping our eye on anything that could impact the county."

Infrastructure projects are among those needing federal help.

Transportation-related projects in the platform include a complete streets road, pedestrian and bicycling improvement project for Redwood Drive in Garberville, and the long-term repair of Scenic Drive in Trinidad.

Supervisor Steve Madrone described the Garberville project as a "top priority" but at \$11 million, it's the most expensive of the group. The Scenic Drive project is more realistic as it's far less costly, at \$1 million.

There's doubt about future federal funding for either and Supervisor Natalie Arroyo said she's "admittedly anxious to

see what the grant situation looks like."

Considering the fast-changing federal situation, Supervisor Mike Wilson described the county's legislative lobbying plans as tentative.

"In three months, we may be really thinking about this very differently in terms of where we want to spend our time," he said. "Specifically, the last administration passed three major infrastructure bills which support rural economies in major ways, as well as some other bills that were very substantial – I'm just going to say the current administration, when they were there before, had zero infrastructure bills and they're not talking about actually doing any infrastructure in the current administration, there's no discussion about investment in rural America at all on the agenda."

In addition to the infrastructure projects, the legislative platform calls for support of cannabis farming, "climate resilience" and renewable energy, watershed restoration and wildfire prevention.

The roster of things the county opposes includes integration of high-THC hemp products into the cannabis supply chain, resuming state cannabis cultivation taxes and increasing cannabis excise taxes.

Funding freeze impacts children and families

FIRST FIVE HUMBOLDT

EUREKA – Last week, the Trump administration issued a memo temporarily halting many federal grant and loan disbursements, causing widespread uncertainty among families, federal, state, and local agencies and non-governmental organizations.

Federal funding provides essential supports for families with young children in Humboldt County and across the country. This abrupt funding freeze may interrupt critically needed supports for children and families, and risks destabilizing the network of local agencies, medical providers, and nonprofits that the federal government relies on to deliver services to families.

Mary Ann Hansen, executive director of First 5 Humboldt, said "We are deeply concerned about

a pause on any services that provide direct or indirect benefits to young children and their families. Dozens of agencies and non-profits in Humboldt County provide critical supports, grounded in federal grants, to our youngest residents at the most vulnerable time in their development. We urge our federal representatives to take action to reduce uncertainty and keep services and supports intact, and we encourage the community to make their voices heard."

First 5 Humboldt works to improve the health, early learning and well-being of young children and their families in Humboldt County using evidence-based methods and community engagement. For more information, visit first5humboldt.org or call (707) 445-7389.



First 5 HUMBOLDT

HEALTH TALK Connie Stewart will give a talk on Thursday, Feb. 13 at noon at the Baywood Golf & Country Club, 3600 Buttermilk Ln. in Arcata on "Health Initiatives in Rural Areas." Stewart is the first speaker in the Humboldt ERFSA, the Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association Spring luncheon lecture series. Stewart is the executive director of initiatives at Cal Poly Humboldt. She will give an update on some of the health related projects happening in the region and ways to engage in advocacy to help. Connie will also touch on some of the other projects she's working on including broadband access and the Blue/Green workforce. All in-person guests attending these lectures should be fully COVID-19 vaccinated. Meet and greets begin at 11:30 a.m. with introductory remarks at 11:45 p.m. Various foods and beverages can be ordered for lunch from Baywood's regular menu; please arrive early to order lunch. The presentation will begin at noon. The ERFSA lecture series is open to the entire North Coast community and everyone is invited.

Health care | 'No easy answers'

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"no easy answers to this but I would say that the pain point really fundamentally is that we won't treat healthcare like a human right in this country in spite of the fact that that's what we all want for ourselves and our community and our families."

Matthew Rees, CEO of the Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District, highlighted reimbursement inadequacy.

"Medicare and Medi-Cal financing and payment structure, and other things, are kind of ridiculous," he said. "When a Medi-Cal person comes in my ER, I get about 15 percent of my cost – that's my cost, that's not out of my charges."

Despite the skimpy reimbursement rate, "They expect us to meet the seismic requirements, they expect us to meet the new minimum wage for health care workers – \$25 an hour – they expect all these things to just happen magically without any reimbursement to us and so that's a real struggle that we have," he continued.

"Everything he just told you, I can't add to it," said Mad River Community Hospital CEO Doug Shaw. "It's miserable trying to run a business – besides in California, besides in health care – you as patients, neighbors and friends, it's difficult on all sides. And we know that it's difficult to make the system work. And it doesn't really work."

"It's just that health care is incredibly complex, it's not easy and it's hard to communicate that

to people," said Seth Whitmer, CEO of Redwoods Rural Health Center. "And when people are frustrated with it, it's like – look, this is health care working exactly as we've designed it to be and that's the unfortunate story and none of us can really fix that."

"People do what they get rewarded for, that's just a fundamental part of human nature, so our reimbursement systems determine our reward systems," said Tory Starr, CEO of Open Door Community Health Centers. "And so we get forced to actually do things that may not necessarily be in the best interests of delivering care and every one of us will have some type of story around that – we have a byzantine system of reimbursement in America that is not conducive to delivering good care."

Retaining medical and nursing staff is challenging and Chris Meyers, chief clinical officer of United Indian Health Services said it's particularly important for his organization.

"Our population are the local American Indians who for good reasons distrust some institutions in healthcare," he said. "We're primarily staffed by American Indians but still the distrust is there and with a lack of trust, that rapport is everything for educating and persuading to make good healthcare decisions. So when we have issues with retention, all of

that time that it took to get that trust, that relationship, is now out the door."

Reiterating earlier comments on systemic flaws, he added that he believes burnout has less to do with long work hours and "complex patients" than "working in a system where you're so well trained and so highly educated, yet you don't have the capacity to make the changes to improve the healthier patients."

The forum began with Arroyo's presentation on what she learned from interviewing 57 local health care providers.

She said demographic and financial trends are leading to a national physician shortage which is starting to be felt in Humboldt after years of relative "abundance."

Health care providers are increasingly entering retirement, she continued, and morale is an issue for providers who feel helpless dealing with patients' frustrations.

But panelists had a lot of positive things to say.

Shaw related Mad River Community Hospital's evolution from being based in a four-story Arcata home in 1911, then expanding to a 48-bed hospital in 1943 and being developed at its current site in 1972.

"We came from, in essence, from the neighborhood, from the earth," he said, adding, "I see nothing but blue sky for a lot of things here in Humboldt County because we are like an island and it is different, we don't have all those outside influences, we can make things work here and we have – during Covid this community came together like I've never seen."

Starr said the county's health care capacity is more robust than people may think and the Open Door network had 35,000 more visits last year than the prior year.

"I totally believe that if we continue to lean in together, that we can overcome any of the challenges that we have," he continued.

While appreciative of the "positive spin," Arroyo tempered it.

"I feel like I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that a lot of people are tuning in today or going to watch this footage or are here today because they've had a lot of difficulty," she said. "And you all have had a lot of difficulty – in interviewing each of you, I've heard the part that's less rosy and even sounded, at times sort of like desperate to get up your head above water. So I don't want to be cavalier about that."

She added, "I just want to acknowledge to all of you and to the community that we're hearing a lot of serious challenges for people in our community, where they're just not getting what they need."

Arroyo said she's "committed to continuing the conversation" and another forum is planned.



Dr. Candy Stockton

DEI | 'Keep at it' ❖ FROM PAGE 1

There have also "been some cultural and behavior shifts with the activities and educational opportunities that you have provided for your team" and staff members "feel they have an opportunity to continue their growth and development in their chosen professions," he continued.

But Carter described the program as a work in progress, saying, "These results are promising but I want to make sure we do not mistake improvement for achievement."

Dr. Jeremy Michael Clark, the county's DEI manager, briefed supervisors on a series of recommendations.

They include executive staff coaching, creating "robust communication and training systems" and expanding "professional development opportunities."

Supervisors vouched for the program's necessity.

Supervisor Natalie Arroyo said many community members have told her they're "experiencing racism or sort of inexplicable actions that make them uncomfortable in our community."

She added, "I think if a lot of times when people think everything's fine, it's because they're not necessarily part of the group that's feeling like they're not having an inclusive and positive experience."

On a national level, DEI programs are under criticism and some corporations have made news by ending theirs.

One of the complaints about DEI is that it discourages merit but Supervisor Mike Wilson said one way to get more and better job applicants is to create a workplace that "people interpret as welcoming to everybody."

Commenting on the national trends, Supervisor Steve Madrone said the county will have to "revisit this based on what may or may not be happening at the federal level and things like that."

Humboldt has "stayed pretty much true to its diversity, equity, and inclusion and the way we try to behave here," he continued, but "we've got to keep at it. It's never going to be done, we're never going to achieve it, so to speak, but we can make progress."

Board Chair Michelle Bushnell acknowledged that she's "struggled with the proper way to address someone" and thanked Clark for advice with that.

The DEI presentation included a quote from a county employee who said the county's formation of the staff affinity groups has "made all the difference for me with feeling more secure, grounded and comfortable at work."

Soroptimist Girls of the Month bring a range of accomplishments

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ARCATA
ARCATA – At its January meeting, Soroptimist International of Arcata honored “Girls of the Month.”

Abigail Garcia, MaryAnn Som, Ava Tempelaere and Giselle Schaening were recognized for academic excellence, school participation and community service.

Abigail, (A.J.) daughter of Meredith Wagy and Teera Garcia, is a senior at McKinleyville High School. She is an advanced placement (AP) student, on the honor roll, has been a link leader and is the secretary of the Black Student Union club.

She has received several awards: She enjoys painting and was awarded Best Painting for 2024 at the McKinleyville High School art gallery; in 2023 Redwood Art Association awarded her second place for acrylic painting; Abigail was the Humboldt County History Day Champion for 2023-2024; and she took first place in the 2023 Godwit Days Writing Competition.

Abigal’s volunteering in the community includes “Read Across Mack Town,” helping children at the Lions Club Winter Express, participating in the RISE project, and Youth of Color Empowerment activities at Cal Poly.

After graduation Abigail plans to attend a four-year uni-



GIRLS OF THE MONTH Ava Tempelaere, Giselle Schaening, MaryAnn Som and Abigail Garcia. SUBMITTED PHOTO

versity and study art history and conservation. Eventually she wants to restore works of art and artifacts in museums. She hopes to travel abroad where she can work in a variety of museums around the world.

Ava, daughter of Aaron and Anna McClure, is a senior at Arcata High School. She is vice president of the Sexuality and Gender Advocacy Club and has been training a group of students in peer mediation and support.

For two years she has been working in the school library with a focus on recategorizing the history collection [more than 800 books]. She has created a different version of the Dewey Decimal System to work with the collection’s needs, namely organizing chronologically and by subject in order to

make browsing more accessible.

Additionally, after school she participates in pottery classes and has helped design and paint a mural highlighting diversity on the school campus.

For all four years of high school, Ava has made the Superintendent’s List by maintaining a 4.0 or higher GPA and has been awarded the California Scholar of the Arts Award for dedication to the study of writing in the California State Summer School of the Arts program.

In the community, Ava volunteers at the Eureka Branch of the Humboldt County Library as an aide in the children’s section. She cofounded Humboldt County’s only all-youth kinetics team, Team Pedal Snappers. It is the only youth organized, funded, and built team participating

in the Kinetic Sculpture Race. Routinely she is intimately involved with fundraising, sculpting and building pieces for the structure. Ava performs many tasks with this group include scheduling, bookkeeping, and communication throughout the group which includes students from four local high schools. This group, Pedal Snappers, is certified as a non-profit Dream-maker Project associated with Ink People.

Ava plans to attend University of Oregon or University of Washington for an undergraduate degree, followed by a Master’s Degree in Library Science from the University of Washington. Her long term goal is to work in a library and eventually run one of her own with a focus on community development and connection.

Giselle, daughter of Steven Schaening, is an honor role senior at Arcata High School. She works as an office aide. She served on the 2024 Queer Prom Planning Committee, is actively involved with Sources of Strength Club, Red Cross Club. Currently, she is the vice president of the Disastershock Club – an organization that works to help people cope with emotional stress following a major disaster.

Her involvement in the community has been the Disastershock ambassador and she

actively worked on Humboldt County Mental Health Advocacy Initiative. Her future plans are to graduate with a Masters Degree in Psychology.

MaryAnn, daughter of Nick and Anna Som is a senior at McKinleyville High. She is active and has been part of Black Students Union, Interact Club, Science Club, Soroptimist Club and the Associated Student Body. She has been the class treasurer for all four years. Currently, she is vice president for Interact Club and secretary for the Science Club.

MaryAnn is an athlete – she has played varsity soccer all four years as well as basketball and ran track and field for the first three years. She is on President’s list and Honor Roll for all sports seasons and is recognized as a Scholar Athlete. She was voted most valuable player for the varsity soccer team this year and earned a white star.

MaryAnn’s community activities include beach cleanups and helping with feminine care product drives for the homeless in Humboldt County. Each year at Christmas she helps with the Lions Club Winter Express and has participated in Bowl for Kids. As part of a school drive she participated in “coats for the cold” and “canned food.” After high school, MaryAnn plans to attend Western Washington and major in earth sciences.

POETRY OUT LOUD

EUREKA – Humboldt County’s annual Poetry Out Loud Contest took place on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest open to high school students across the country.

Each year, the Humboldt Arts Council organizes and hosts our county contest. This year students from three county schools participated, including Eureka High School, North Coast Preparatory Academy and South Fork

High School.

Kees van Dissel from EHS was announced as the 2025 Poetry Out Loud Champion for Humboldt County. Gabe Claypool, a student at NPA came in second place.

Veronika Vystřilová from EHS, Addison Craig from NPA, and Peyton Gardner from SFH also competed.

The Poetry Out Loud program encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking

skills, build self-confidence and learn about literary history and contemporary life.

The contest is similar to a spelling bee, starting at the school level and going all the way to the nationals in Washington, D.C.

Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, the California Arts Council reaches out to local arts councils across the state to encourage high school students to get involved.

Kees van Dissel will represent Humboldt County at the 2025 state competition this spring in Sacramento.



POETRY OUT LOUD Competitors Addison Craig, Gabe Claypool, Peyton Gardner, Veronika Vystřilová and Kees van Dissel. SUBMITTED PHOTO



BLANKETS FOR PUPS The Arcata High Coalition of Nations Club completed a project with AFS for the Sequoia Humane Society on Jan. 2, 2025. The students from high school and junior high completed 10 blankets to be given to families when fostering or adopting puppies from the Humane Society. Left, Catherin Arafat (AFS-YES student from Lebanon), Quaid Aiken, Siri Caruso (CBYX alum), Gemma Caruso (AFS-YES Abroad alum), Lela Caruso, Kim Farahmond, Anna Farahmond, Mars Anderson, Mariia Vasileva, Autumn Hodgens, Scarlett Wilson and Nico Caruso. For more information about AFS, contact abbymunroproulx@gmail.com or afsusa.org. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Chamber Mixer at Jacoby’s Storehouse Thursday

Remembering Jay Brown, Union holds collectibles sale

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Join the Arcata Chamber of Commerce and Jacoby’s Storehouse for this month’s First Thursday Mixer, Feb. 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Businesses will be open for networking and shopping, and there will be a professional headshot booth.

As with all Chamber mixers, there will be announcements and raffle drawings, these taking place upstairs in the restaurant Havana’s second dining room.

There have been quite a few changes in the Storehouse’s Plaza Level retailspace lately. Arcata Tuxedo has moved to Eureka, having merged with Promise Bridal. Rebecca Luna’s Buttercup’s Get-Ups is gone as well, part of ever-shifting trends in the economy.

Fortunately, HOMEboldt and the Rocking Horse remain, and Corcoran Icon Properties (in the former Pasta Luego/Bon Boniere spot) along with businesses old and new, including the *Union*, farther back.

Rumors have been flying that the Chamber could be moving to the historic Storehouse from its lonely Heindon Road outpost, but any plans are unknown. Maybe Executive Director Meredith Matthews will make an announcement – one way or another.

Sadly, you’ll no longer be able to drop in on Jay Brown Art & Design, as our beloved, always-cheerful artist-in-residence at the Storehouse has passed away.

A memorial post on *Union* photographer Matt Filar’s page drew dozens of remembrances from leading Humboldt artists, musicians and assorted creative characters.



JAY BROWN The beloved artist worked out of his art-packed studio across from the Mad River Union newsroom in Jacoby’s Storehouse. Right, flowers lie at the foot of the door following Jay’s passage. LEFT PHOTO BY BOB DORAN | UNION, RIGHT PHOTO BY KLH | UNION

“Jay really lived up Jacoby’s Storehouse,” said *Union* Editor Jack Durham. “I had an enormous amount of fun and learned a lot by walking across the hall and asking him about his latest art project.”

Others recalled the spark Jay added to their time at Humboldt State or Bug Press. “Rest in Power with lots of prismacolors!” said Lush Newton.

At this writing, Jay’s art and tools are, touchingly, right where he left them. It would be lovely if mixer-goers could step in and experience his creative world, but there are no known plans as of the weekend.

Swing by the *Union* newsroom just across the way, if only to see how much older we all look than last time you saw us (even if that was just three weeks ago).

When we started tidying up the office, we found an array of trash and treasure lurk-



ing in the nooks and crannies. Some of the newspaper-office gewgaws date well back before COVID, to the dim mists of 2013.

But wait, there’s more. On raiding the paper’s storage space, we found all kinds of relics from eras and newspapers past.

Some of the office oddities will be part of a little rummage sale – a cool hippie drum, various relics and tchotchkes, political buttons and more. Rambling Jack’s beautiful paintings will also be on display.

For years and years, when event-publicist folks dropped off posters, we saved them. There are posters for fairs, Kinetic races and many other events that you may have been part of. Oh, plus books and a great assortment of vintage *Arcata Eye* T-shirts.

There are a few other marvelous artifacts – a few rather startling – and curiosities you’ll just have to come by to behold.

Dow’s Grange pasta feed, Garden Club

Pasta feed at Dow’s Prairie Grange

Enjoy pasta? Enjoy community? Are you a runner, and running the Trinidad to Clam Beach Run? Then we have dinner plans for you. Join the Dow’s Prairie Grange #505 on Friday, Feb. 7 from 5:33 to 8 p.m.

Dinner will include a pasta bar with some of your favorite pastas and sauces. Dinner is \$15 and will include your choice or pasta and sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee, tea, juice or water. Dessert and soda sold separately.

Proceeds support the Dow’s Prairie Grange #505, located at 3995 Dow’s Prairie Rd. in McKinleyville.

Garden Club

The Garden’s Point Garden Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month 1 p.m. in McKinleyville. The club meets at different locations, visits local nurseries and local gardens. The club has novice gardeners and master gardeners. Those interested in the club should email Deborah Nelson at debnelson49@yahoo.com.

Saso makes Dean’s List

Jack Saso of McKinleyville was named to the University of Alabama Dean’s List for Fall Semester 2024. Students must have a academic record of 3.5 or higher to make the list. The University of Alabama is located in Tuscaloosa, Ala.



OPINION

❖ It's sooooo easy to get your letter published in the *Mad River Union*: First, sign your letter with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification. Then, send it to opinion@madriverunion.com, or the physical address listed on page 2. Finally, make paragraphs, spell check, don't double space and don't capitalize random words. Basically, don't use Martian punctuation and everything will be fine.

Hiller Road/101 ramps

Your Jan. 29 edition article on McKinleyville updates, reported that County Supervisor Steve Madrone is lobbying Caltrans for a future 101 on/off ramp on Hiller Road.

We think this idea is very ill-conceived. McKinleyville is extremely automobile-centered and, other than on the Hammond Trail, not pedestrian or bike friendly. Highway off ramps are dangerous and challenging places for bikes and pedestrians to cross.

McKinleyville has five Highway 101 exits with on-ramps most of which are only a few miles apart. Hiller Road is the only McKinleyville east-west road without one. Consequently, Hiller Road is much quieter, has far less traffic, and is safer to traverse, despite the substantial lack of sidewalks, than School and Murray Roads.

Sadly, School Road still does not have a complete sidewalk from Fischer Ave. to Central Ave. Despite recent major sidewalk upgrades by Caltrans, one still has to walk in the road for a few hundred feet and dodge high-speed 101 on/off ramp traffic to walk across town on this busy major throughfare.

MCSD and the County are already working on major upgrades to bike and pedestrian infrastructure in McKinleyville, including on Hiller Road. To add 101 access to Hiller Road runs counter to these efforts. Better that energy be spent improving bike-pedestrian safety by completing sidewalks on School Road at 101, installing sidewalks or separated bike/walkways on Central Avenue from Anna Sparks Way south to Bella Vista, and formalizing bike lanes on Hiller from Ocean to Central Avenue.

Regardless of the final design of the much-anticipated Town Center, let's ensure its safer and easier for folks to walk and bike ride between the Town Center/Central Avenue, and west McKinleyville, Mad River Bluffs and Hiller Park.

Gordon Leppig and Julie Neander McKinleyville

Reconnect Valley West

The Reconnecting Arcata project is primarily for Valley West!

The conversation around the Reconnecting Arcata project seems to focus on an extravagant land cap for central Arcata with south Arcata included perhaps as a footnote. Central Arcata already has a dedicated non-vehicular bridge along with several direct mixed-use bridges over 101. South Arcata already has a direct mixed-use bridge. Meanwhile, no mention is made at all about the needs in Valley West.

I've even been told by a city councilmember that the project is "not for" Valley West.

In Valley West, we have not one, but two highways blocking access to and from the rest of Arcata. There is no dedicated non-vehicular bridge and no direct mixed-use bridge in Valley West. The two existing bridges are indirectly oriented to the East and West instead of South toward the rest of Arcata. They are at the farthest point in Valley West from the rest of Arcata. Additionally, they are not particularly bicycle friendly.

The need for non-vehicular access in Valley West is so great, pedestrians have resorted to repeatedly cutting through

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the fences on 101 and 299 to provide ad hoc access.

Residents in Valley West are less likely to have a car because they are less affluent than the rest of Arcata. They are more likely to be disabled, elderly, or from another minority group.

Reconnecting Arcata is part of a federal Reconnecting Communities program. At the federal level, it is about mitigating highway harm to underserved communities. Who in central Arcata qualifies as underserved with the already existing direct access bridges, Sunset Avenue improvement project and a dedicated non-vehicular bridge?

From Valley West, a non-vehicular bridge to the Mad River Hospital side of 101 would have extensive benefits to folks on both sides of the highway. A non-vehicular bridge to the Community Forest side of 299 from Valley West would be a big step toward making Valley West a recreational trail nexus (Annie-Mary, Great Redwood, Pacific Coast/Hammond) along with offering direct access to and from the rest of Arcata.

A central Arcata land cap would be wonderful, but let's get our priorities straight. Reconnecting Communities at the federal and state levels is for places like Valley West first. When we talk about Reconnecting Arcata, Valley West should be the first place mentioned.

Further information and proof that the project is designed for underserved communities and does indeed include 299, and therefore Valley West, can be found at dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/rc-h2b.

Sincerely,
John Emig Valley West

What's the real reason?

2025's newest parlor game is called "So why is he REALLY doing it?", and today let's ask about the President's "Putting people over fish" Executive Order. It is clear that it has nothing to do with water supplies for the LA fire district, and he can't possibly be unable to understand that, so what is it really for?

Many have suggested that he is trying to steer water to agricultural interests such as almond farmers in the Central Valley. It really is about water access, but for a different set of users. On this view, "Putting nuts over fish" wasn't as powerful and is open to misinterpretation, so he went with something punchier.

Another possibility is that he doesn't actually care about L.A., water, fish, nuts or people, but would like to weaken American support for environmental protection as a concept and so is pounding on the tired "people versus environment" trope. The lie repeated often enough becomes accepted, even if not believed.

The most insidious possibility (I hope) is that his only goal is to normalize the arbitrary exercise of power, believing that the more often he does so, the more likely we are to... well, frankly, give up. It is policy that has worked in other countries, at other times.

What do YOU think? A, B, C or All of the Above?

Jim Moore Bayside

Non-existent help

Candidate Trump promised the American public he was going to improve their lives after President Biden's supposedly disastrous administration, so how has he helped so far?

Before the inauguration, he and Melania each created "meme-coins." It's estimated this has increased the Trumps' net worth by billions so no help here.

Among his first executive actions, Trump renamed the Gulf of Mexico the Gulf of America, turned Denali back into Mt. McKinley, and threatened to purchase Greenland from Denmark and retake the Panama Canal as well; nada again.

Trump has withdrawn support from the Department of Health & Human Services for programs targeted to help make new drugs more affordable, and he repealed prior executive orders requiring lower prescription drug prices for individuals on Medicare and Medicaid; negatives for everyone, especially seniors.

Trump can't repeal the Affordable Care Act himself, but he was able to change the rules for existing insurance programs that can reduce or eliminate coverage for over 20 million Americans who need help most, lower & middle income households.

Trump declared a national energy emergency covering fossil fuel production but not solar or wind generated power. This policy will support already record high oil and gas production while eliminating support for renewables, thus keeping promises he had made to his petroleum industry donors while increasing global warming for all of us.

So far then, Trump along with his ego and the fossil fuel industries have benefited while the general public has taken a step backwards, still waiting for help.

Sherman Schapiro Eureka

No Jews, no news

Following the fall of Syrian dictator Bashar al Assad, more evidence of his crimes against humanity are being revealed. Something that should be prompting anyone with a moral conscience to be asking, "Why didn't we do more?"

While the international media and human rights groups in the UN were busy criticizing Israel in the Gaza war, ongoing crimes against humanity were ignored, because after all, "no Jews, no news." Since 2011, more than 6 million Syrians have been displaced and over 580,000 have been slaughtered as a result of the Syrian civil war. Among those, over 4,000 killed were Palestinians from Yarmouk Refugee Camp, which was attacked by Assad, forcing the displacement of an additional 150,000 more refugees.

Where was the emergency UN session on the status of these Palestinians? Where were the campus encampments? Where was the 24/7 coverage of these crimes against "refugees"? Where were the marches against the mass slaughter of Arabs? Or do those Arabs not matter? Assad violated all norms of international law by using chemical weapons repeatedly on his own people; mustard agent, chlorine gas and sarin gas were all used against civilians.

The regime operated more than 100 known detention centers, holding hundreds of thousands of prisoners in dungeons, where they were savagely tortured. Sednaya Prison, which held 100- to 200,000 prisoners, was known as a slaughterhouse for mass executions and torture, including electrocution, whipping, rape, mutilation and sleep deprivation. Women who were raped were forced to give birth, and to raise children in their prison cells. These children had never seen the light of day until a few weeks ago.

Until today, countless Syrians are missing and mass graves are being uncovered, including graves of more than 100,000 people. The UN has been aware of these crimes against humanity for years, including the use of chemical weapons. In 2022, the UN Human Right Council held a session where a majority of the countries praised Assad's human rights record.

From 2015 to 2022 the UN General assembly passed 125 condemnations of Israel, but only nine against Syria. And just days before the fall of Assad, the UN demanded Israel give the Golan Heights to Assad. While Assad was torturing and raping Syrians, his regime literally held a post inside the UN responsible for upholding human rights!

But what about the media and human rights groups? While Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International both addressed the situation in Syria early in the Civil War, they've perverted their mission; pouring untold amounts of money into campaigns to label Israel an apartheid state and, more recently, to accuse Israel of genocide in the Gaza War. In fact, they even invented their own definition of genocide for the sole purpose of smearing Israel.

Let's not forget about the Red Cross, typically viewed by the general public as a neutral entity. Where were they in the last 15 months? Why did they refuse to deliver life-saving medicines to Israeli hostages or be accountable in any way for the health of hostages? Did you see them sitting at the table with Hamas and signing papers to facilitate the handover of Israeli hostages, despite failing to visit them even once in the last 15 months?

The media has fared no better. There was relative silence on Assad's crimes against humanity, when compared to the Gaza war coverage, despite the fact that thousands of Arabs were simultaneously rotting in Assad's prisons. The media and UN are quick to scrutinize and criticize Israel's every move, yet Assad was given free reign to rape, slaughter and torture Arabs in the Middle East without any accountability.

The news of Assad's fall in Syria has already passed, and the world has essentially forgotten. At the same time, criticism of Israel continues to be popular.

If you were silent on Assad's slaughter and torture of Arabs that took place throughout his rule, but you are outraged by Israel's legal war in Gaza, conducted in accordance with international law, and if you are still silent about hostages in Gaza tunnels, including women, children and elderly, for nearly 500 days, you are not pro-Palestinian or anti-war; you may just be a racist hypocrite.

Tamar Krigel
"From the river to the sea, only peace will set us free."

Celebrate new Tepona Point access, then Valentines and love

Tepona Point, the stunning Pacific Ocean overlook between Houda and Luffenholtz Beaches, has a new look. Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, which enjoys stewardship of the rocky promontory, has overseen the addition of an octagonal viewing platform, picnic benches, enhanced parking, a sidewalk and sitting area with good accessibility for viewing the sea stacks to the south, interpretive signs and more.

Claire Nasr, executive director of TCLT, followed up on the grant work begun by her predecessor, Michelle Kunst, and is pleased to announce a special celebration on Friday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. at Tepona Point. It is a special event, requiring a \$40 ticket to attend. Email info@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org for a reservation.

After 3 p.m., no tickets or reservations are required. Tepona Point is located just over two miles south

of Trinidad off Scenic Drive, the old Redwood Highway.

Visit trinidadcoastallandtrust.org to find out about the many TCLT volunteer stewardship programs, beach-accessible wheelchair availability, invasive plant removal on Trinidad Head in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management/California Coastal National Monument and other activities. You may also call (707) 677-2501.

Trinidad Civic Club creates Valentine Cards and hosts a Celebration of Love

Join the Trinidad Civic Club "Creating Valentines for Timber Ridge" activity on Thursday, Feb. 6 starting at 11:15 p.m. in Trinidad Town Hall. Club members and guests have been making Valentine cards for several years and then sending the love to Timber Ridge residents. Janine Volkmar and Penne O'Gara will provide all of the materials. It's

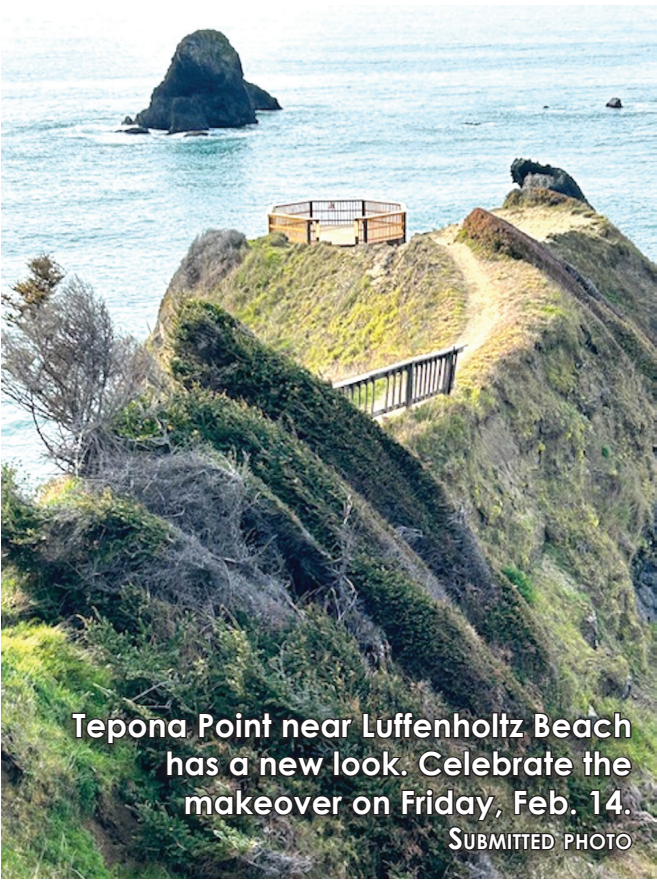
up to you to turn them into fanciful original creations.

The regular TCC business meeting precedes the event at 10 a.m. in the Club Room. Dana Hope and Jan West will preside. For information on the event or TCC projects, email tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org.

A Valentine's Evening Celebration of Love will take place on Friday, Feb. 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Trinidad Town Hall. Hearty appetizers, desserts, no host wine and beer bar, silent auction, raffle, music, dancing and good will in abundance will be in the mix.

All Wheel Drive, playing "a little blues, jazz, swing, country, folk, bluegrass, rock & roll" will entertain starting at 8 p.m. Admission is \$30 per person or \$50 for two if you reserve in advance.

After Feb. 10 or at the door, admission is \$35 for one or \$60 for two. Reservations may be made via ticketleap at trinidadcivicclub.org. For information, call (707) 677-3655. Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



Tepona Point near Luffenholtz Beach has a new look. Celebrate the makeover on Friday, Feb. 14.

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Anti-Valentine Cabaret

REDWOOD CURTAIN THEATRE

EUREKA – With St. Valentine’s Day just around the corner, one sees hearts and love-themed merchandise popping up at stores around town. If you’re looking for something different to do with your valentine this year, or if the idea of celebrating love turns your stomach a bit, Redwood Curtain Theatre brings you the *Anti-Valentine Cabaret*.

Performances are Friday, Feb. 7 and Saturday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. at the 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St. in Eureka. Admission is \$20.

This year, we are once again eschewing the sappy love songs and lovey-dovey proclamations so frequently associated with the holiday. Instead, we present a cabaret celebration of break-ups, farewells, and can’t-get-rid-of-you-fast-enoughs.

Show coordinator and performer Chris Jioras provides more details of the night’s entertainment. “Although the evening includes some ballads, none are songs of destitution and being lost without the other person. Generally numbers are funny reassurances that the break-up served a purpose and the singer is really better off without the other person, thank-you-very-much!”

redwoodcurtain.com

Alice in Wonderland Jr.

HUMBOLDT LIGHT OPERA COMPANY

ARCATA – Humboldt Light Opera Company presents the musical *Alice in Wonderland Junior*, with shows opening Friday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

Additional shows are on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m.

All shows are at Eureka High School, 1915 J St. in Eureka. Tickets for purchase at *hlloc.org*.

Alice in Wonderland Junior brings to life a world that is bursting with vibrant colors and filled with endless fun and imagination.

With its captivating storyline and unforgettable characters, this enchanting production is sure to captivate kids and adults alike.

From the moment the music starts, the audience will be transported to a magical realm where anything is possible. Each character adds their own unique flair to this delightful adventure, from the mischievous Cheshire Cat to the unpredictable Mad Hatter. It’s a show that not only entertains, but also inspires young minds to embrace their own sense of wonder.

So, gather the whole family and prepare for a theatrical experience that is both magical and memorable.

The cast is made up of children ages six to 16. Many of these children are part of Kidco, the kids musical theater program at Humboldt Light Opera Co. Classes run on a semester basis after school, with performances at the end of each semester. Kidco puts on a musical every two years.

Alice in Wonderland Junior is directed by Fiona Ryder, with choreography by Cindy Cress and Katri Pitts. Musical direction is by Fiona Ryder and Katri Pitts. Costumes that are sure to delight are by Krissy Dodge, set design is by Kayla Tari, Angie Burkhart is the talented pianist.

Call Carol Ryder at HLOC at (707) 630-5013 or email *info@hlloc.org* for information.

A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder

FERNDALE REPERTORY THEATRE

FERNDALE – Looking for a night of mischief, music, and murderously good fun? Ferndale Repertory Theatre (FRT) is thrilled to announce the return of the Tony Award-winning musical comedy, *A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder*, running through Feb. 23.

When low-born Monty Navarro discovers he is an heir to the D’Ysquith family fortune, he sets out to speed up the line of succession by using a great deal of charm... and a dash of murder. But what of love? Because murder isn’t the only thing on Monty’s mind.

After a highly successful run in February 2024 that was cut short by illness, FRT is excited to bring this audience favorite back to the stage. Packed with sharp wit, clever twists and unforgettable tunes, *A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder* is a comedic gem that’s not to be missed.

A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder with book and lyrics by Robert L. Freedman, music by Steven Lutvak, and based on a novel by Ray Horniman, is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) and all authorized performance materials are supplied by MTI.

This production features a talented local cast of performers, including Jordan Dobbins as Monty Navarro, Andre LaRocque as all nine members of The D’Ysquith Family, Jessy McQuade as Sibella Hallward, Holly Portman as Phoebe D’Ysquith, and Eliza Klinger Rouse as Miss Shingle, and the ensemble which includes Abi Camerino, Erin Corrigan, Janine Redwine, Filip Amborski, Jaye Templeton and Charles Young.

Directed by Todd Hoberecht, with music direction by Charles Young, choreography by Finn Ferguson, scenic design by Carl McGahan + team, costume design by Denise Ryles and Rosemary Smith, sound design by Emma Dobbins + team, lighting design by Merrick D. Yra, properties by Gwen Price, and stage management by David Fisher and Jessie Rawson.

Show schedule

A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder runs through Sunday, February 23, with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and matinees on Sundays at 2 p.m.

General admission is \$22, students and seniors \$20.

ferndalerep.org, (707) 786-5483

Amazing works on display at Fire Arts

FIRE ARTS GALLERY

MARSH DISTRICT – For the month of February, the Fire Arts Center Gallery is exhibiting the works of members Nancy Correll, Fania Franklin and Daniele Smith.

The artists are hosting a reception on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Fire Arts Gallery and Studio on South G Street in Arcata.

Correll’s pieces are representative of prehistoric and traditional pottery styles. She uses mostly dark, red clay, creating covered pots, vessels and vase forms. She has studied with various instructors. “A high point was a visit to a traditional pottery business in Myanmar where I watched the creation of large Martabon pots thrown on the wheel.”

She continues to be a member at Fire Arts where “I find pottery compelling and am so grateful to Fire Arts for providing a place, study and technical support.”

Franklin’s work varies style, technique and process. Most of her



POTTERY From left, works by Daniele Smith, Fania Franklin and Nancy Correll at the Fire Arts Center Gallery. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

pieces are intensely decorated, hand painted pieces using underglazes to create floral images and other forms taken from nature. “My goal is to make functional pottery that adds beauty to our everyday day lives.”

Smith, a member and instructor at Fire Arts, has nine years of pottery experience. She finds inspiration in the community and nature, and is excited to experiment with different forms and methods of decoration. She has created a large number of closed forms, where she throws a single piece that includes a lid which is cut from the piece after it is formed, resulting in a tight-fitting lid and flowing form.

Fire Arts, located at 520 S. G Street in Arcata, across from the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, has been teaching ceramics and fused glass skills and providing studio space and kiln firing resources to the local community since 2000. Fire Arts is open every day and has a large selection of locally-made ceramic and fused glass pieces for sale all year. Classes are held year-round and include day and evening classes for adults and children.

(707)826-1445,*fireartsarcata.com*

It’s time for the Student Bird Art Contest

FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH

ARCATA MARSH – For the 22nd year, Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival.

Up to \$650 in prizes may be awarded to Humboldt County students from kindergarten through high school who submit a drawing of one of 40 suggested species or another kind of bird that has been seen locally.

All entries will be displayed during the festival (April 17 to April 20) in the lobby and hallways of the Arcata Community Center (ACC), beginning Friday after 3 p.m. The awards presen-



BIRD ART Some student entries from 2024. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



tation starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 19 at the ACC. Color copies of winning artwork will be shown at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center during May and June.

A flyer containing complete rules to submit entries, plus a list of suggested birds to draw, is posted at *godwitdays.org* or can be picked up at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G St., Arcata. Flyers will be mailed to all Humboldt County schools.

Artwork may be dropped off at the Interpretive Center (winter hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.) or mailed to Sue Leskiw,

155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville CA 95519.

To be included in the contest, entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 (Interpretive Center will remain open until 5 p.m. on that day only). No late entries will be considered. Questions should be e-mailed to *suele-skiw1@gmail.com*.

JAY MOHR performs Saturday, Feb. 8 at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake. Jay Mohr has had an illustrious career as a comedian, an actor, and a best-selling author. He has been performing stand-up comedy since he was 16 years old, was a cast member of *SNL* for two seasons and has been in such movies such as *Jerry Maguire* and *Picture Perfect*. After appearing in over 50 different TV shows, he’s coming back to stand-up as it’s “in his blood, bones and DNA.” Comedy Central has placed him in their Top 100 Comedians of all Time list, and there’s no question why. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$40-\$85. (877) 252-2946, *bluelakecasino.com*

MYSTIC GRIZZLY performs Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. Mystic Grizzly, AKA Jordan Hoffman, is a 21-year-old Florida-based musician, DJ and electronic music producer. He has been a guitar player for nearly a decade and also plays percussion, harmonica, and ukelele. He has been in several bands throughout his lifetime but now has taken his musical expertise and became most passionate about creating extremely experimental, left-field bass music. He specializes in raunchy psychedelic grime, psybass, glitch-hop and tribal beats, and he has shifted his intention to love and crafts his sounds and songs to give his listeners a one-of-a-kind, mystical experience. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 18 and

over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. (707) 630-5000, *arcatatheatrelounge.com*

LAKECIA BENJAMIN AND PHOENIX performs Sunday, Feb. 9 at the Fulkerson Recital Hall at Cal Poly Humboldt. Experience the electrifying performance of alto saxophonist Lakecia Benjamin and her ensemble, Phoenix. Renowned for her dynamic stage presence and innovative sound, Benjamin blends jazz with elements of funk, soul and R&B, creating a unique musical experience. With Phoenix, she showcases original compositions and fresh interpretations of jazz standards, pushing the boundaries of contemporary jazz. Each performance is a journey through rhythm and melody, highlighting Benjamin’s virtuosic skill and passionate expression. All ages. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 general. (707) 826-3928, *tickets.humboldt.edu/calpolyhumboldt-presents*

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA performs Monday, Feb. 10 at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake. Performing to critical acclaim for over 25 years, Dark Star Orchestra continues the Grateful Dead live concert experience. Their shows are built from the Dead’s extensive catalogue and the talent of these seven fine musicians. On any given night, the band will perform a show based on a set list from the Grateful Dead’s 30 years of extensive touring or use their catalogue to program a unique set list for the

show. DSO offers much more than the sound of the Grateful Dead; they truly encapsulate the energy and the experience. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$55 at the door. (877) 252-2946, *bluelakecasino.com*

IAN SCARFE The Trinity Alps Chamber Music Festival kicks off its 15th season with a piano recital by festival director Ian Scarfe on Friday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata. The concert will feature a program of classical masterpieces. Scarfe will also perform his own piano transcription called *Dracula Suite*, an arrangement of music by Philip Glass composed for the original 1931 film starring Bela Lugosi as Count Dracula.

COMING UP:

- Chest Fever at Humboldt Brewery, Sunday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m.
- The Wardens at the Arcata Playhouse, Monday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.
- The Exploited at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Saturday, Feb. 22, 8 p.m.
- Valerie: A Tribute to Amy Winehouse at Humboldt Brewery, Saturday, Feb. 22, 8:30 p.m.
- Jon Spencer at Richard’s Goat, Monday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.
- Rose City Band at Richard’s Goat, Wednesday, March 5, 8 p.m.
- Toubab Crewe at Humboldt Brewery, Sunday, March 9, 8:30 p.m.
- Jerry Martien and the Usual Suspects at the Arcata Playhouse, Wednesday, March 19, 7 p.m.

MAGIC THE GATHERING CONVENTION Magic in the Redwoods, the first ever Magic: The Gathering convention in Humboldt County, will take place March 21 to March 23 at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Arcata. The three-day event offers a \$10,000 prize pool, daily events, vendors, and a cosplay celebration on Sunday. The event, made possible through a grant from the Arcata branch of the Humboldt Lodging Alliance, highlights the pop-

ularity of Magic: The Gathering and the thriving gaming community in Humboldt County. Attendees can look forward to competitive main tournaments, on demand side events of all Magic formats, and a chance to meet and have cards signed by MTG artist RK Post. In addition to gameplay, participants and spectators can enjoy a board game room, vendor booths, food trucks, and opportunities to engage with other Magic: The Gathering fans. Tickets are available at *magicintheredwoods.com*.

ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00480 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT DATE OR ORIGINAL FILING: AUG. 4, 2023

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WALSTON INDUSTRIAL 95 T BONE LN. EUREKA, CA 95503 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT GREEN HILL DYNAMICS LLC CA 202250711340 95 T BONE LN. EUREKA, CA 95503 This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION S/DANIEL GEIST, MANAGING MEMBER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 27, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00049 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WALSTON INDUSTRIAL 1046 FRITZ RD. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT GREEN HILL DYNAMICS INC. CA 202250711340 1046 FRITZ RD. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION S/DANIEL GEIST, PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 27, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00037 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HGLK 315 C ST EUREKA, CA 95501 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT HUMBOLDT GREEN LIGHT KITCHEN CA 201707210294 315 C ST EUREKA, CA 95501 This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY S/ASHLEY HANSON, MEMBER MANAGER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 16, 2025JUAN P. CERVANTES SG/DEPUTY CLERK 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME ALYSON MARIA JOHNSON SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2402456 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: ALYSON MARIA JOHNSON to Proposed name: ALYSON MARIA ROSE 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: Feb. 21, 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m.

Dept.: 4 Room: 4 For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: Jan. 2, 2025 Timothy A. Canning. Judge of the Superior Court 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME MELANIE ZUNIGA SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2402507 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: MELANIE ZUNIGA to Proposed name: MELANIE NOELLE ZUNIGA 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: MARCH 10, 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: 4 Room: 4 For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: Jan. 7, 2025 Timothy A. Canning. Judge of the Superior Court 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00002 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARCATA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 791 8TH STREET, SUITE 7 ARCATA, CA 95521 P.O. BOX 1184, ARCATA, CA 95521 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT VAISADE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC CA C2891684 P.O. BOX 1184, ARCATA, CA 95518 This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION S/JULIE VAISADE-ELCOCK, BROKER/OWNER/CEO This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Jan. 2, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DARN GOOD WORK 865 9TH STREET STE 206 ARCATA, CA 95521 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT KATE C. FRACHON 865 9TH STREET STE 206 ARCATA, CA 95521 This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

S/KATE FRACHON, FOUNDER/OWNER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Jan. 7, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME HEATHER ROSE LEWIS, aka HEATHER ROSE CAMPBELL, aka HEATHER ROSE CEZARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2402501 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: HEATHER ROSE LEWIS, aka HEATHER ROSE CAMPBELL, aka HEATHER ROSE CEZARIO to Proposed name: HEATHER ROSE LEWIS 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: MARCH 14, 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: Jan. 10, 2025 Timothy A. Canning. Judge of the Superior Court 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHRYN ANNETTE "KAY" HUNTER CASE NO.: PR2500017 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: KATHRYN ANNETTE "KAY" HUNTER A Petition for Probate has been filed by KATIE HUNTER in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: KATIE HUNTER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: FEB. 13, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m. Dept.: 4 Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501. COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. NEAL G. LATT 350 E ST. SUITE 308 EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 908-9088 1/22, 1/29, 2/5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANEVIEVE JULIANA WILSON CASE NO.: PR2500025 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ANEVIEVE JULIANA WILSON, aka ANEVIEVE JULIANA CABLE aka ANEVIEVE JULIANA MILLER aka ANEVIEVE JULIANA REILLY A Petition for Probate has been filed by CHARLES WILSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: CHARLES WILSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: FEB. 20, 2025 Time: 9:30 a.m. Dept.: 4 Address of court:

CITY OF ARCATA ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT 736 F STREET ARCATA, CA (707) 825-2128 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR THE 2025 Joint Slurry Project Engineer's Estimate (\$700,000 - \$750,000) (Base Bid) The City of Arcata is soliciting bids for WORK consisting of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, incidentals and performing all work required to apply accelerated cure slurry seal, sweep and clean all roads prior to application, cover utility lids and valve covers, mill down existing thermoplastic striping and pavement markings as needed, and install thermoplastic striping and pavement markings. The project includes, but is not limited to: but is not limited to: mobilization, traffic control, preparation for and installation of accelerated cure slurry seal, removal of existing thermoplastic striping and installation of new thermoplastic striping and reflectors at various locations throughout the Cities and County of Humboldt.. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 06, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Prospective bidders must arrive on time and shall sign in at all mandatory pre-bid meetings. Tardy attendees may be disqualified from bidding. The meeting will begin

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at the Arcata City Hall in the Council Chamber (736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521), and may be followed by a project site walk-through. Sealed bids will be received by the City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521, until the hour of 11:00 am on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at which time they will be transferred to the City Council Chambers where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Engineer or his designated representative. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for consideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting on or after Wednesday, April 02, 2025. CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "A" license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract. All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOSAL forms for bidding this project will be available: □ For download from the City Website www.cityofarcata.org under "Bids" and at the Humboldt Builders Exchange website: www.humbx.com. • For purchase, with 48-hours' notice (during normal working hours) provided to the City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521; call 707-822-5953 or email: citymgr@cityofarcata.org. A printing charge of \$40 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$35 for mailing of PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS. Checks payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Contracts and Special Projects Manager. • For viewing at the City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521. This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990. The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. The prevailing rates are available online at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general

determinations. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work must be at least time and one-half. The Contract will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR, under Labor Code § 1771.4. The above project is subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act. Pursuant to California Public Contracts Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute securities in place of any funds retained by the City for WORK performed on this project. The City of Arcata reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Direct inquiries regarding this solicitation to: Danielle Allred, Contracts & Special Projects Manager (707) 825-2101 dallred@cityofarcata.org The above project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Each contractor or subcontractor listed on the bid proposal must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. City may not accept a Bid Proposal from or enter into the Contract with a bidder, without proof that the bidder is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Issued dates: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 & Wednesday, February 05, 2025

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME JESSICA MOSIER SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV25000107 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: NEVAEH EUNICE K'IDA:YCHE' MONTGOMERY to Proposed name: NEVAEH EUNICE K'IDA:YCHE' MOSIER 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: MARCH 28, 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: 8 For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least

once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: Jan. 23, 2025 Timothy A. Canning. Judge of the Superior Court

CITY OF ARCATA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice of Public Meeting for Discussion of Possible State CDBG Application NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Arcata will conduct a public meeting on February 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM, at City Hall to discuss possible applications for funding under the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to gather residents' ideas for possible activities to be included in the application. The City anticipates submitting an application during the next CDBG program year. The City has or anticipates receiving approximately \$1,100,000 in CDBG Program Income. The purpose of this hearing is to review CDBG eligible activities and collect residents' views on housing and community development needs (which includes services, facilities, and/or infrastructure that will improve livability within the community). The following information related to the project is available at 736 F Street Arcata, CA 95521 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Monday-Friday or by emailing the contact listed below: A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken. B Information on proposed project(s). C Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low- and moderate-income. D. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to persons displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities. E. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City, at the address above, or you may contact Sara Channell by telephone or email at 707-825-4876 and schannell@cityofarcata.org no later than 5:00 PM on February 18, 2025 to ensure placement in the official record of the hearing. The City does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion or disability. If you require specific accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact the City Clerk at rvarley@cityofarcata.org or 707-825-2103 at least three days prior to the scheduled hearing. 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

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TRAILSIDE TINIERS Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 8. Meet leader Paul Johnson at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on “the small things along the trails that people often miss.” (707) 826-2359

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Volunteers are needed to join the annual tradition of removing non-native, invasive yellow bush lupine from coastal dune habitats manually before these plants get a chance to produce seeds.

Gloves, tools and training will be provided, as well as snacks and coffee!

Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring your own mug for coffee or tea.

RSVPs are not required unless you are bringing a large group. We will meet at the Ma-le'l Dunes North parking lot, then briefly hike to the Bureau of Land Management's Ma-le'l Dunes South for lupine bashing. Carpooling is highly encouraged.

Yellow bush lupine (*Lupinus arboreus*) is a large bushy shrub with bright yellow flowers that is native to central and southern California but is not native to Humboldt County.

This species was introduced to the area in the early 1900's and intentionally planted throughout the North Spit in order to stabilize sand movement.

The fast-growing yellow bush lupine has caused ecosystem-level changes by increasing nitrogen levels in the surrounding soil and over-stabilization of our typically dynamic dunes habitats.

Over time, these changes facilitate the displacement of native dune plants and introduction of species that are not common to dune environments, such as annual grasses and coyote brush.

Lupines have long-lasting seed banks, so removal efforts must be continuous.

Small yellow bush lupines are removed by physically pulling up the entire plant.

Larger bushes are removed using an ax to chop the plant off at the base.

It's a tough job, and volunteers are needed to help! Join a 44-year long community tradition and help the planet today!

For more information or to sign up a large group, please call (707) 444-1397 or email info@friendsofthedunes.org.



gion Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Larry Karsteadt at the end of South I Street (Klopp

Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails, and a great diversity of birdlife.

BIRDING THE REFUGE Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Meet leader Ralph

Bucher at the Visitor Center for this two-mile walk along a wide, flat trail that is packed gravel and easily accessible. Just outside of

town, this refuge offers astounding and easy access to tidally-influenced habitats including mudflats, riparian vegetation, coni-

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